

44. (New) A docking system for a telephone as in claim 35, wherein the includes an array of at least 640 x 480 pixel electrodes having an active area of less than 158 mm².

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the application. All claims stand rejected. In response, certain claims have been amended and new claims have been added to more distinctly claim the applicants' invention. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Claim Rejection Under § 112

Claim 25 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In response, the noted claim has been amended to clarify the antecedent relationship.

Reconsideration of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is requested.

Claim Rejections Under § 103

Claims 1-40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on UK 2,289,555 to Wilska et al. in view of US 5,815,126 to Fan et al.

Wilska discusses, as illustrated in its Figures 1-3, a device for personal communication, data collection and processing. The device includes a housing (1) which encloses a data processing unit (2) that connects to a cellular telephone (17) with a mobile phone controller (8). The device also includes a display (9) mounted to the housing (1) for displaying images to a user of the device.

The Office Action states that Wilska does not disclose an active matrix LCD, as required by amended Claims 1, 21, 30, and 35, nor a light source, as further required by Claims 1, 21, and 35, but cites Fan as teaching such features.

In response, the applicants wish to point out that a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) for this case was filed August 9, 2000, and that the claimed invention and the subject matter of Fan were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. Accordingly, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c), because the CPA was filed on or after November 29, 1999, Fan is disqualified as prior art against the claimed invention. See MPEP § 706.02(l)(1).

Thus, the only reference is Wilska. As admitted in the Office Action, Wilska alone does not make obvious the invention described in amended Claims 1, 21, 30, and 35. The rejections of Claims 1, 21, 30, and 35 are therefore overcome.

Because the other claims depend from Claims 1, 21, 30, or 35, the reasons for allowance of Claims 1, 21, 30, and 35 apply as well to the dependent claims.

Reconsideration of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Regarding Double Patenting

Claims 1-40 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting based on Claims 1-25 of co-pending Application No. 08/766,607. The applicants wish to place this rejection in abeyance until the claims are finalized. A Terminal Disclaimer will be filed to obviate this rejection once the claims are otherwise allowable.

New Claims

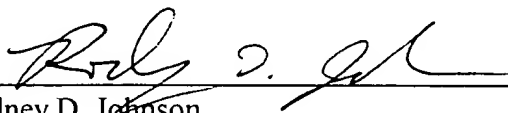
New Claims 41-44 have been added to the application. The new Claims 41-44 recite certain features of the previous independent Claims 1, 21, 30, and 35, respectively. Because Fan is disqualified as prior art, these limitations are not necessitated by the prior art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all pending claims (Claims 1-44) are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (978) 341-0036.

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1. (Thrice Amended) A docking system for a telephone comprising:
 - a hand held housing having a plurality of control elements and a connection port that electrically connects a control circuit within the housing to a wireless telephone that docks with the housing;
 - an active matrix liquid crystal display mounted to the housing [and including an array of at least 75,000 pixel electrodes having a display area of less than 158 mm²], the display receiving display data from the circuit; and
 - a light source within the hand held housing that illuminates the display.

21. (Twice Amended) A docking system for a telephone comprising:
 - a hand held housing having a plurality of control elements and a connection port that links a control circuit within the housing to a telephone attachable to the housing;
 - an active matrix liquid crystal display mounted to the housing and connected to the control circuit, [the display having an array of at least 75,000 pixel electrodes and an active area of less than 158 mm², and] the display [receives] receiving display data from the circuit;
 - a light source within the hand held housing that illuminates the display; and
 - a battery in the housing that provides power to the display and the light source.

25. (Twice Amended) A docking system as in claim 21 further comprising a display subhousing, the display subhousing carrying the active matrix liquid crystal display, the [backlight] light source, and a lens, wherein the display subhousing can be moved from a storage position to an operating position.

30. (Twice Amended) A method of displaying an image on a docking system in conjunction with a wireless telephone, comprising:

linking an external port of the telephone with a connection port of a docking station of the docking system to dock the telephone with the docking station and to provide a communication link between the telephone and the docking station, the telephone having a transceiver capable of receiving audio and image data; and

[providing a docking element having an active matrix liquid crystal display within a docking station, the display including an array of at least 75,000 pixel electrodes and an active area of less than 158 mm², the docking station having a display control circuit and a connection port;

providing a wireless telephone having a transceiver capable of receiving audio and image data, and an external port that links with the connection port of the docking station;

providing a communication link between the wireless telephone and the docking station;

docking the telephone with the docking station; and]

operating [the] a display control circuit of the docking station, the control circuit being connected to the transceiver and [the] an active matrix liquid display of the docking station through the communication link, the operating generating [to display] an image on the display.

35. (Twice Amended) A docking system for a telephone comprising:

a hand held housing having a plurality of control elements and a connection port that links a color sequential display control circuit within the housing to a telephone attachable to the housing;

an active matrix liquid crystal display mounted to the housing and connected to the control circuit, [the display having an array of at least 640 x 480 pixel electrodes and an

active area of less than 158 mm², and] the display [receives] receiving display data from the circuit;

a light emitting diode within the hand held housing that illuminates the display; and
a battery in the housing that provides power to the display and the light emitting diode.